

Attorney Docket No.: DEX-0054  
Inventors: Robbins et al.  
Serial No.: 09/426,548  
Filing Date: October 22, 1999  
Page 5

#### REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 9 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2 and 3 have been objected to. Claim 9 has been rejected. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

#### Objection to Claims 2 and 3

Claims 2 and 3 have been objected to as depending on rejected claim 9. As acknowledged by the Examiner, there are no other outstanding rejections over these claims. Accordingly, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended claim 2 and 3 to delete their dependence on claim 9.

Withdrawal of this objection is therefore respectfully requested.

#### Rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 102(e)

Further, Applicants have canceled claim 9, without prejudice, thus mooting rejections of this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 102(e).

Withdrawal of all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and

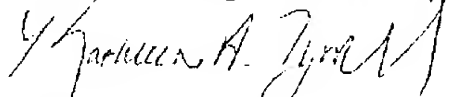
Attorney Docket No.: DEX-0054  
Inventors: Robbins et al.  
Serial No.: 09/426,548  
Filing Date: October 22, 1999  
Page 6

102(b) and (c) is therefore respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Tyrrell  
Registration No. 38,350

Date: September 30, 2003

Licata & Tyrrell P.C.  
66 E. Main Street  
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

(856) 810-1515

**OFFICIAL**

RECEIVED  
PATENT & TRADEMARK CENTER